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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1605

**DATE:** January 22, 2016

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Case Managers, Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers, Supervisors and Service Area Managers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Statewide Transition Plan

**EFFECTIVE:** February 1, 2016

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued regulations that define the settings in which it is permissible for states to pay for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid HCBS in settings that are integrated in and support full access to the greater community. This includes opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive and integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources and receive services in the community, to the same degree as individuals who do not receive HCBS.

The state intends to submit a statewide settings transition plan (STP) to CMS on April 1, 2016. The STP will cover the 1915(i) State Plan HCBS program known as HCBS Habilitation Services and all seven 1915(c) HCBS waivers which includes; the Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury, Health and Disability, Physical Disability, Elderly, AIDS/HIV and Children's Mental Health Waivers. The STP covers all HCBS services whether provided through the Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system or through a Managed Care Organization (MCO), including any additional HCBS provided as "value-added" or 1915(b)(3) services through an MCO.

The statewide STP will be available for public review on the [HCBS Settings Transition](#)<sup>1</sup> web page or for persons without internet access, at the DHS County Offices. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into the STP as applicable prior to submission to CMS. The STP will be available for review from February 1, 2016, through March 2, 2016.

Questions or comments concerning the draft statewide STP should be submitted in writing to: [HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us) or mailed to: Brian Wines, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. Comments received may be reviewed by the public by contacting Mr. Wines at the above address.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>